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Further Results on Graceful Directed Graphs

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Abstract

In this paper we present the gracefulness of the directed graph $\overrightarrow{P_m \Box P_n}$ which is an orientation of the planar grid graph $P_m \Box P_n$, in which each cell is a unicycle of length four.

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1 Introduction

For standard notations and terminologies in graph theory we follow Chartrand and Lesniak [4].

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A labeling of a graph is an assignment of real values or subsets of a set to the vertices and edges or both with respect to certain conditions. Labeling of graph plays an important role in the application of graph theory such as coding theory X-ray crystallography, radar, astronomy, circuit design etc. According to Beineke and S.M. Hegde [2] graph labeling serves as a frontier between number theory and the structure of graphs. For more detailed study of graph labeling problems one can refer to Gallian survey [5].

The concept of graceful labeling was introduced by Rosa [7] in the year 1967.

Definition 1.1 An undirected graph with e edges is gracefully labeled if each vertex v is assigned a distinct value f(v) from $\{0, 1, ..., e\}$ in such a way that the set of edge labels equals $\{1, 2, ..., e\}$ when edge uv is labeled by f(u, v) = |f(u) - f(v)|. A graph is said to be graceful graph if it can be gracefully labeled.

The concept of graceful labeling of undirected graphs was extended to digraphs by Bloom and Hsu in [3].

Definition 1.2 A digraph D with p vertices and q arcs is labeled by assigning a distinct integer value g(v) from $\{0, 1, 2, ..., q\}$ to each vertex v. The vertex values, in turn, induce a value g(u, v) on each arc (u, v) where $g(u, v) = (g(v) - g(u)) \pmod{(q+1)}$. If the arc values are all distinct, then the labeling is called a graceful labeling of a digraph.

Use of modular arithmetic ties graceful digraph to a variety of algebraic problems of long standing as discussed in [3].

Bloom and Hsu in their introductory paper [3] have observed that a graceful graph always gives rise to a graceful digraph, start with any gracefully labeled undirected graph G with vertex labeling f(u) for vertex u. Simply orienting the edges of G to point towards the larger vertex value produces a graceful digraph D with G as its underlying graph. Thus, if f(u) > f(v), then the edge uv is labeled as f(u, v) = |f(u) - f(v)| which results in the same value being assigned to the corresponding edges in G and D.

Acharya and Gill [1] have investigated graceful labeling for the grid graph $P_m \Box P_n$. (A grid is a graph defined as the cartesian product of two graphs).

Note 1 Since the graph $P_m \Box P_n$ is graceful one can see that there exists at least one orientation of $P_m \times P_n$ which is graceful.

In this paper we prove the gracefulness of the digraph $\overrightarrow{P_m \Box P_n}$ which is a certain non-trivial orientation of the planar grid graph $P_m \Box P_n$.

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